

325F.75 ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS; SCOPE; PENALTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Restrictions.** Except as provided in this section, where a plumbing license is required under section 326B.46, no person offering plumbing services may do any of the following unless the person employs a licensed master plumber or the person is a licensed master or journeyman plumber:

- (1) advertise as a plumbing contractor, master plumber, journeyman plumber, or plumber;
- (2) append the person's name to, or in connection with, the title "plumbing contractor," "master plumber," "journeyman plumber," or "plumber";
- (3) append the person's name to any other words that tend to represent the person as a plumbing contractor, master plumber, journeyman plumber, or plumber.

A person who advertises as a master plumber shall include in the advertisement the number of the person's license as a master plumber. A person who advertises as a journeyman plumber must include in the advertisement the person's master or journeyman plumber license number. A person who advertises as a plumbing contractor shall include in the advertisement the license number of the master plumber employed by the plumbing contractor.

A vehicle used to conduct plumbing business must prominently display on its exterior the license number of the master plumber or journeyman plumber performing plumbing services.

Subd. 2. **Scope.** (a) This section applies to a person advertising plumbing services if that person engages in or works at the business of plumbing or offers plumbing services in a city of 5,000 or more population.

(b) This section also applies to a person advertising plumbing services who engages in or works at the business of plumbing or offers plumbing services in a city of less than 5,000 in population that by ordinance requires licensing to do business as a master or journeyman plumber.

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** (a) A person who is found guilty of violating subdivision 1 is subject to a fine not to exceed \$200 for the first offense.

(b) A person who is found guilty of violating subdivision 1 is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for the second offense.

(c) A person who is found guilty of violating subdivision 1 is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both, for the third and subsequent offenses.

History: 1985 c 142 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 279 s 1; 1987 c 329 s 21; 2007 c 140 art 6 s 15; art 13 s 4